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**No Brute.**—"Did you strike this man in an excess of irascibility?"  
"No sah; I done hit him in the stummick."

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**Dark Persuasion.**—A southern lawyer tells this story: "The other day an old colored man came sauntering to me in my yard, where there was a pile of rubbish.

"'Morning John,' I said.

"'Morning, Marse Tom; don't you want that rubbish hauled away?'

"'What'll you take?' I asked.

"'Dollah a load, 'n I think it'll take jes' about two loads.'

"'I'll give you 75 cents a load,' I told him.

"'You remember me, do you, Marse Tom?'

"'Why, sure, John.'

"'Well, you remember when I was up for shootin' craps and you pleaded me guilty in police court?'

"'Sure,' I said.

"'An' you charged me \$10, an' I never said a dog-gone word!'

"John hauled the rubbish at \$1 a load, and he made three loads of it."—St. Paul Dispatch.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Lawyers Reports Annotated**, 1915 B. being Volume 54 L. R. A. (N. S.) Burdette A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham, Editors. To be cited L. R. A. 1915 B. The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. 1915. Price \$5.00.

We were just in the midst of a busy term of the court when this volume was received. Within a half an hour after its reception we had occasion to use it in three separate cases and were enabled to find the law upon the subject needed in a minimum time. An examination of the volume convinces us that no lawyer's office can afford to be without the series, for ready reference and for valuable citation. We have been particularly struck with the following notes: On page 1, "Consideration for New Agreements Abrogating, Altering, Supplementing or Supplanting Prior Contracts;" on page 71, "Sufficiency of Description of Property in an Indictment for Larceny;" on page 109, a note upon a novel subject: "Automobile Distribution Contracts;" page 477, "Warranty upon Sale of Second Hand Article;" on page 729, "Presumption of Death from Absence;" on page 797, "Alteration of Stockholders Liability as Impairment of the Obligation of Contract." On page 827, "Places within Implied Invitation Extended to Passengers, or Persons on Business at Railroad Station;" on page 928, "Validity of Stipulation for Attorney's Fee." These are but a few out of many.